

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the Application.

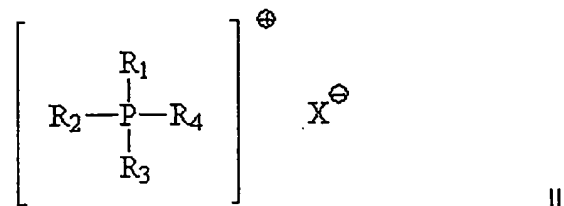
1. (Currently amended) A polyacetal molding composition comprising
  - a) from 20 to 99% by weight of a polyacetal homo- or copolymer,
  - b) from 0.1 to 80% by weight of an additive, and
  - c) up to 1.0% by weight of a catalyst which catalyzes a chemical reaction between the polyacetal matrix polymer and the surface of the additive,where the catalyst does not comprise the element boron and is not a Brönsted acid and wherein the catalyst is selected from the group consisting of ethyltriphenylphosphonium bromide, tetraphenylphosphonium bromide, tetrabutylphosphonium bromide, stearyltributylphosphonium bromide, triphenylphosphane, n-butyl titanate, and their mixtures.
  
2. (Previously Presented) A long-fiber-reinforced polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 1 comprising
  - a) from 20 to 90% by weight of a polyoxymethylene homo- or copolymer,
  - b) from 10 to 80% by weight of a reinforcing fiber,
  - c) from 0.00001 to 0.5% by weight of at least one catalyst which catalyzes a chemical reaction between the polyacetal homo- or copolymer and the surface of the reinforcing fiber.

3. (Original) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the amount of component a) is from 20 to 99% by weight, that of component b) is from 0.1 to 80% by weight, and that of component c) is from 0.00001 to 0.5% by weight.
4. Cancelled
5. Cancelled
6. (Previously Presented) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the additive is selected from the group consisting of mineral fillers, reinforcing fibers, impact modifiers, and their mixtures.
7. (Previously Presented) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 6, wherein the impact modifier is selected from the group consisting of polyurethanes, two-phase mixtures of polybutadiene and styrene-acrylonitrile (ABS), modified polysiloxanes, silicone rubbers, graft copolymers of an elastomeric, single-phase core based on polydiene and a hard graft shell (core-shell structure), and mixtures of these components.
8. Cancelled.
9. (Original) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein the long-fiber-reinforced polyacetal molding composition is a glass-fiber bundle which has been

sheathed with one or more layers of the polyacetalhomo- or copolymer, so that the fibers have been impregnated with the polyacetalhomo- or copolymer.

10. (Original) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 9, wherein the glass-fiber bundle has been wetted by the polyacetal homo- or copolymer or by a blend of polyacetal homo- or copolymers and the impregnated glass-fiber bundle has been sheathed by another component, and the impregnated glass-fiber bundle and the other component have been bonded to one another at the surface.
11. (Original) A molded article obtainable via shaping of a polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 1.
12. Cancelled.
13. Cancelled
14. Cancelled
15. (Currently Amended) A polyacetal molding composition comprising
  - a) from 20 to 99% by weight of a polyacetal homo- or copolymer,
  - b) from 0.1 to 80% by weight of an additive, and
  - c) up to 1.0% by weight of a catalyst which catalyzes a chemical reaction between the polyacetal matrix polymer and the surface of the additive,where the catalyst does not comprise the element boron and is not a Brönsted acid and The

~~polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 1~~, wherein the catalyst is  
phosphonium salts which are compounds of the formula II



where  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ , and  $R_4$  are identical or different, and are monovalent organic radicals,

X is be a halogen atom, and/or an -OR or -R group, where R is alkyl or aryl.

16. (Previously Presented) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein  $R_1$  to  $R_4$  are identical or different and have from 2 to 10 carbon atoms and at least one of the radicals  $R_1$  to  $R_4$ , is an aryl radical.

17. (Currently Amended) A polyacetal molding composition comprising

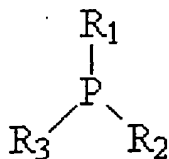
a) from 20 to 99% by weight of a polyacetal homo- or copolymer,

b) from 0.1 to 80% by weight of an additive, and

c) up to 1.0% by weight of a catalyst which catalyzes a chemical reaction between the  
polyacetal matrix polymer and the surface of the additive,

where the catalyst does not comprise the element boron and is not a Brönsted acid and The

~~polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 1~~, wherein the catalyst is  
phosphanes of the formula IIa



IIa

where the radicals  $R_1$  to  $R_3$  are identical or different, and are monovalent organic radicals.